

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

MARNEY DURANJACOME,
Plaintiff,

v.

NATASHA JOYNES and RHONDA
REYNOLDS,

Defendants.

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C.A. No.:

NON-ARBITRATION CASE

JURY OF SIX DEMANDED

COMPLAINT

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff, Marney Duranjacome, resides at 3140 Amador Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23456.
2. Defendant, Natasha Joynes, resides at 109 East Jewell Street, Delmar, Delaware, 19940.
3. Defendant, Rhonda Reynolds, resides at 109 East Jewell Street, Delmar, Delaware, 19940.

JURISDICTION

4. Paragraphs 1 through 3 are incorporated herein by reference.
5. Jurisdiction is conferred pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332(a)(1) and § 1332(c)(1) as the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00 and the action is between citizens of different states. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(a), as this is the judicial district in which the defendants reside and the judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to this claim occurred.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

6. On or about Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at approximately 6:50 p.m., the plaintiff, Marney Duranjacome, was a passenger in a motor vehicle operated by Jaime Duranjacome, traveling southbound on US 13 near the intersection of Allens Mill Road (CR 454A).

7. At the aforementioned time and place, the defendant, Natasha Joynes, operating a vehicle owned by defendant Rhonda Reynolds, was driving eastbound on Allens Mill Road (CR 454A), when she disregarded a stop sign and entered the intersection, impacting the passenger side of plaintiff's vehicle, resulting in serious personal injuries to the plaintiff, Marney Duranjacome.

8. Defendant, Natasha Joynes, was cited for disregarding a stop sign, in violation of 21 Del. C. §4164(b).

COUNT I
CLAIM AGAINST NATASHA JOYNES

9. Paragraphs 1-8 are incorporated herein by reference.

10. The direct and proximate cause of the accident was the negligence of the defendant, Natasha Joynes, as follows:

- (a) She failed to obey a stop sign, in violation of 21 Del. C. §4164(b);
- (b) She entered into, upon and/or across a roadway before such movement could be made in safety, in violation of 21 Del. C. §4164(b);
- (c) She failed to yield the right-of-way to vehicles approaching from the opposite direction, in violation of 21 Del. C. §4133
- (d) She operated her vehicle in a careless and imprudent manner without due regard to road, weather and traffic conditions then existing, in violation of 21 Del. C. §4176(a);
- (e) She failed to give full time and attention to the operation of her vehicle, in violation of 21 Del. C. §4176(b);

(f) She operated a vehicle which was not equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and stop such vehicle, in violation of 21 Del. C. §4303(a);

(g) She drove her vehicle in willful and wanton disregard for the safety of persons and property on said roadway, in violation of 21 Del. C. §4175(a);

(h) She operated a motor vehicle at a high and excessive rate of speed without due regard to road, weather and traffic conditions then existing, in violation of 21 Del. C. §4168(a);

(i) She failed to maintain a proper lookout while operating her vehicle, in violation of 21 Del. C. §4176(b);

(j) She failed to keep her vehicle under proper and adequate control at the time of the accident in violation of the common law duty of care she had to others on the highway, including the plaintiff Marney Duranjacome;

(k) She failed to maintain and keep a proper lookout for persons and other vehicles in the area at the time of the accident, in violation of the common law duty of care she had to others on the highway, including the plaintiff Marney Duranjacome;

(l) She failed to operate her vehicle as a reasonable and prudent person under the circumstances in doing the aforementioned acts set forth in subparagraphs (a) through (k), in violation of the common law duty of care she had to others on the highway, including the plaintiff Marney Duranjacome;

(m) She was otherwise negligent.

COUNT II
CLAIM AGAINST RHONDA REYNOLDS

11. Paragraphs 1-10 are incorporated herein by reference.

12. The defendant, Rhonda Reynolds, was the owner of the vehicle operated by the defendant, Natasha Joynes, at the time of the aforesaid accident.

13. A proximate cause of the aforesaid collision was the negligence of the defendant, Rhonda Renyolds, by entrusting her vehicle to Natasha Joynes, whom she knew or should have known would act in a manner likely to cause injury to third persons.

14. The defendant, Rhonda Reynolds, by entrusting her vehicle to a person whom she knew or should have known would act in a manner likely to cause injuries to third parties, acted in a manner which constituted willful and wanton disregard for the safety of others, including the plaintiff, Marney Duranjacome.

15. At all times relevant to this litigation, Natasha Joynes, was the agent, servant and/or employee of the defendant, Rhonda Reynolds. [DENIAL OF THIS ALLEGATION BY THE DEFENDANT MUST BE MADE BY AFFIDAVIT, PURSUANT TO 10 DEL. C. §3916.]

16. The defendant, Rhonda Renyolds, is vicariously liable for the acts of her agent, servant and/or employee.

17. She was otherwise negligent.

COUNT III
CLAIM OF MARNEY DURANJACOME

18. Paragraphs 1 through 17 are incorporated by reference.

19. As a direct and proximate result of the defendants' negligence, plaintiff, Marney Duranjacome, suffered severe personal injuries, both of a temporary and permanent nature, including but not limited to the following: lumbar disk degeneration at L1-L2, disc bulging at L1-L2, blurred vision, neck pain, headaches, cervical thoracolumbar strain, left subacromionial bursitis, patellofemoral syndrome, back pain and pain in her arms.

20. As a consequence of her injuries, the plaintiff, Marney Duranjacome, has experienced, continues to experience, and is likely to experience in the future, substantial physical pain and suffering and discomfort, including recommended surgery.

21. As a further consequence of her injuries, the plaintiff, Marney Duranjacome, has experienced, continues to experience, and is likely to experience in the future, emotional pain, suffering, anxiety, and nervousness.

22. As a further result of the defendants' negligence, the plaintiff, Marney Duranjacome, has incurred and may in the future continue to incur, substantial medical bills for treatment of the injuries sustained in the accident.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff, Marney Duranjacome, prays that this Court enter judgment against the defendants, Natasha Joynes and Rhonda Reynolds, jointly and severally, for all compensatory and special damages and for the cost of this action, along with any other relief that this Court may deem proper.

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS**MARNEY DURANJACOME**

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Virginia Beach
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)
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1202 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19805

DEFENDANTS**NATASHA JOYNES and
RHONDA REYNOLDS**

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Sussex
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE
LAND INVOLVED

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff ☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant ☒ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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V. ORIGIN

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- ☒ Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): 28 U.S.C. § 1332

VI. CAUSE OF ACTIONBrief description of cause: Personal injury – motor vehicle accident**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**
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JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

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